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MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. FINANCE MINISTER, MR. ATTORNEY
GENERAL, FIRST OF ALL ON BEHALF OF ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES
I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE PRESIDENT AND ALL OF HIS
COLLEAGUES FOR THE EXTRAORDINARILY CORDIAL RECEPTION WE
HAVE HAD HERE. WE HAD EXTENSIVE TALKS THIS MORNING AND
AT LUNCH WITH THE PRESIDENT THAT WERE CONDUCTED IN A
MOST FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. WE DEALT WITH THE BILATERAL
RELATIONS BETWEEN KENYA AND THE UNITED STATES, WHICH WE
CONSIDER GOOD, AND DISCUSSED MEANS BY WHICH THE UNITED
STATES COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROGRESS OF KENYA AND TO
PEACE IN THE AREA. NEEDLESS TO SAY, IN DEALING WITH ONE
OF THE GREAT LEADERS OF AFRICA WE ALSO DISCUSSED
GENERAL PROBLEMS OF AFRICA'S FUTURE, AND THE DISCUSSIONS
HAVE BEEN OF VERY GREAT BENEFIT TO ME, AND WILL CONTRIBUTE
TO THE NEW AFRICA POLICY THAT PRESIDENT FORD INTENDS TO
FORMULATE UPON MY RETURN. SO WE COULD NOT HAVE HAD A
MORE AUSPICIOUS START TO OUR TRIP IN THIS CONTINENT. WE
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ESTABLISHED NOT ONLY POLITICAL BUT PERSONAL TIES. IT'S

OF COURSE SOMEWHAT UNSETTLING FOR ME TO DEAL WITH A PRESIDENT WHO SPEAKS ENGLISH WITH LESS OF AN ACCENT THAN I DO (LAUGHTER). I WILL BE GLAD TO TAKE A FEW QUESTIONS.
Q. DID YOU DISCUSS, MR. SECRETARY, SPECIFICALLY THE IDEA OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO KENYA?

KISSINGER: WELL, THE UNITED STATES IS GIVING SOME MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND WE DISCUSSED THAT PROGRAM AND SOME ADAPTATIONS OF ITS. YES.

Q. DID YOU DISCUSS CONCERN ABOUT A BALANCE OF POWER BETWEEN KENYA AND HER NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES?

KISSINGER: WELL WE DISCUSSED IN GENERAL TERMS THE POLITICAL SITUATION AND THE MILITARY SITUATION IN THIS GENERAL AREA AND THIS ISSUE AROSE. YES.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, ARE YOU AWARE THAT UGANDA RADIO AT ONE O'CLOCK WAS CRITICIZING YOU FOR COMING HERE TO CONFUSE AFRICA AND SAYING THAT YOU WERE DISCUSSING WITH KENYA THE PROSPECT OF BALANCE OF ARMS AGAINST NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, SPECIFICALLY UGANDA AND SOMALIA?

KISSINGER: WELL, IT'S OF COURSE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR ME TO IMAGINE THAT ANY COUNTRY WOULD CRITICIZE ME. BUT ON THE THEORY THAT ANY I HAVEN'T HEARD THIS REPORT MYSELF I HAVE NOT COME HERE TO DISCUSS THE MILITARY BALANCE AS SUCH, I HAVE COME HERE TO DISCUSS THE CONCERNS THAT WERE RAISED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA. WE HAVE NO INTEREST IN SETTING ONE AFRICAN COUNTRY AGAINST THE OTHER. WE AGREE VERY MUCH WITH WHAT PRESIDENT KENYATTA SAID THIS MORNING THAT HE WANTS PEACE AND PROGRESS IN THE AREA AND WE WANT THE STATES OF AFRICA TO WORK TOGETHER IN UNITY. WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INTEREST IN SETTING ONE AFRICAN STATE AGAINST ANOTHER.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, COULD YOU CLARIFY THE U.S. POSITION ON MILITARY AID EITHER DIRECT OR INDIRECT TO THE NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS IN AFRICA?

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KISSINGER: THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT PLAN TO GIVE MILITARY AID IN ANY FORM TO THE NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS IN AFRICA. THE UNITED STATES WILL STATE AND HAS STATED ITS SUPPORT FOR MAJORITY RULE, AND IT WILL USE ITS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INFLUENCE TO BRING ABOUT THESE OBJECTIVES.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, WHAT'S YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS

LIBERATION MOVEMENTS?

KISSINGER: WELL, I WILL BE MEETING WITH SOME OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND WE BELIEVE THAT THEY MUST BE CONSULTED IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES SUCH AS NAMIBIA AND MUST PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES SUCH AS RHODESIA, AND WE BELIEVE THEY HAVE A LEGITIMATE AND CRUCIAL ROLE TO PLAY.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, WOULD YOU POSSIBLY OFFER OTHER KINDS OF ECONOMIC AID BESIDES MILITARY AID TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA?

KISSINGER: WE WILL DEAL WITH THE GOVERNMENTS IN THE AREA, AS I HAVE UNDERSTOOD THE OBJECTIVES OF THE COUNTRIES IN AFRICA IS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO HANDLE THE PROBLEM OF THE EVOLUTION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AS AN AFRICAN PROBLEM. WE BELIEVE THAT IT SHOULD BE DEALT WITH BY AFRICAN NATIONS TOGETHER WITH WHATEVER MOVEMENTS THEY WISH TO SUPPORT. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS HELPFUL FOR OUTSIDE POWERS TO INJECT THEMSELVES BECAUSE IT CAN ONLY LEAD TO THE DIVISION OF AFRICA. BUT WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC PROGRAMS WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES IN AFRICA, AND WE WILL MAKE CONCRETE PROPOSALS BOTH ON OUR TRIP AND WHEN I RETURN TO NAIROBI FOR THE UCTAD CONFERENCE (END).
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